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Loss of Fluid Test (LOFT) and Power Burst Facility (PBF) Programs

Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and AUSTRIA

Extending the Agreement of
February 25 and March 3, 1977,
as Extended

Effected by Exchange of Telex and Letter
Dated at Vienna and Washington March 2
and September 9, 1982

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The Deputy Managing Director, Oesterreichische Studiengesellschaft Für Atomenergie, to the Director for Research, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission

TELEX March 2, 1982

Dr. Robert Minogue
Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Dr. Minogue:

Thank you very much for your letter dated January 14, 1982,[1] received February 3, 1982.

OEFZS is eager to continue LOFT[2] collaboration until the middle of 1983, or longer, if LOFT is continued. The same holds for PBF[3] or its following project. Therefore we are sending USNRC deposit of US $30,000 as part of our contribution to LOFT agreement. The Austrian Chancellor Dr. Kreisky in principal favours our participation in the international projects in reactor safety research, so the request of funding further participation in LOFT and PBF has been submitted to his office and is being processed now. We kindly ask you to extend further participation in both projects until further clarification has been achieved. I understand we will meet soon in Paris for discussions of LOFT. I am looking forward to negotiations with you on the conclusion of new agreements.

Yours Sincerely

Walter Binner

[1] Not printed.
[2] TIAS 8686, 10135, 10510; 28 UST 6733; 33 UST.
[3] TIAS 8685, 10135, 10510; 28 UST 6721; 33 UST.

The Director for Operations, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to the Deputy Managing Director, Oesterreichische Studiengesellschaft Für Atomenergie

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Dear Mr. Binner:

I am pleased to refer to your telex of March 2, 1982, proposing an extension of the Loss of Fluid Test (LOFT) and Power Burst Facility (PBF) research participation and technical exchange agreements between the Osterreichisches Forschungszentrum Seibersdorf Ges.m.b.H (OFZS) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

The NRC agrees with OFZS regarding the general desirability of an extension of the above-mentioned agreements and is pleased to extend our LOFT agreement for a period of 12 months, ending March 3, 1983.

The 30 thousand dollars referred to in your telex as partial payment towards the LOFT program has now been received and I thank you for this. Unfortunately, we continue to face the funding problem described to you in Mr. Minogue's letter of January 14, 1982. We respectfully request, therefore, that you endeavor to complete this year's payment of $75,000.

As for the PBF agreement, this facility effort has been restructured and it is now an integral part of the overall Fuel Behavior Branch Severe Fuel Damage program, which also includes in-reactor tests in the Annular Core Research Reactor (ACRR) and probably NRU, or out-of-reactor tests, and modeling and computer code development.

Based on weighted Gross National Product (GNP), the cost to Austria for participation in this program would be an additional 150 thousand dollars to match the contributions from other countries. Mr. Silberberg, NRC, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, discussed this with Dr. Sdouz of your organization at the Halden meeting in Finland this past June. If you are interested in participating in this overall program, please contact Mr. Mel Silberberg ((301) 427-4266) to discuss program details.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters and be assured of my interest in our continuing relationship.

Sincerely,

William J. Dircks

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Executive Director for Operations

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